

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SMUGGLING OF COWS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hawala money generated through smuggling of cows from India to Bangladesh is being used to finance smuggling of arms and ammunition to India as reported in The Times of India dated 3 October, 2008;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported alongwith total number of cases of cow smuggling during each of the last three years and current year; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (c): There is no specific information in this regard.

The Government of India, as part of its security strategy, has nevertheless taken the following steps to curb smuggling and other trans-border activities and crimes.

(i) Construction of border fencing and roads & flood lighting.

(ii) Round the clock surveillance of the borders by Border Security Force, which has been deployed along the Indo-Bangladesh border and which patrols both land and riverine stretches of border.

(iii) Setting up of 1185 border out posts along Indo-Bangladesh border, of which 802 border outposts have already been established.

(iv) Introduction of modern surveillance equipments including night vision devices, etc.

(v) Up-gradation of intelligence machinery.

The number of cattle seized by the BSF during the last three years and in the current year is as follows:-

Year No. of Cattle seized

2006 1,29,313

2007 1,33,173

2008 1,19,832

2009 12,381

(upto 31.1.2009)